

Minutes of the meeting of REGENERATIONMK COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY
10 JANUARY 2017 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Wilson (Chair)
Councillors R Bradburn (Vice-Chair), Bald (Substitute for Councillor Ganatra), Long, Marland, O'Neill, Walker (Vice-Chair) and C Williams.

Officers: D Sharkey (Corporate Director – Place), L Ellen (Acting Service Director [Housing & Community]), and T Milner (Committee Manager).

Also Present: Councillor Miles, D Gleeson (Managing Director YourMK) and 9 representatives from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association and 1 representative from Woughton Community Council.

Apology: Councillor Ganatra.

RC014 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee held on 12 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the replacement of the words 'one representative from Woughton-on-the-Green Residents Association' with the words 'S Smith (Chair [Woughton Community Council]) under Also Present and the last paragraph of Minute Ref 'RC07' be changed to read '(The Committee received questions from four members of the public, three of whom were representatives from Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association.)'

RC015 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor C Williams disclosed a personal interest as the Housing spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats Group and as Chair of the Housing and Community Committee.

RC016 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Committee received questions from 6 members of the public.

RC017 REGENERATIONMK COMMITTEE & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Committee received an oral update from the Managing Director (YourMK) in respect of the RegenerationMK Committee and Public engagement.

The Committee heard from 4 members of the Public during consideration of the item.

The Chair commented that he understood the public's concerns in respect of insufficient clarity and information being provided to residents in respect of progress and updates of the Regeneration Programme. He also indicated that it was not necessarily the responsibility of the Committee to keep residents informed.

The Managing Director YourMK reassured the Committee that a plan was in place, and YourMK was currently working on a programme to include all the information on the various estates affected by the Regeneration Programme, which was due to in place for April 2017.

Councillor Walker requested that the RegenerationMK Committee's Terms of Reference be included within the next few agendas, to aid the public's view and expectations of the Committee.

RESOLVED –

1. That the oral update be noted.
2. That the Managing Director of YourMK be requested to liaise with the Acting Service Director (Housing and Community) with the view to organise a meeting between the local communities affected by the Regeneration project and the RegenerationMK Committee.

RC018

REGENERATIONMK UPDATE

The Committee considered a report and oral update in respect of RegenerationMK.

The Board heard that the RegenerationMK Away Day held on 8 November 2016 was attended by the Committee representatives and facilitated by Shared Intelligence and Alpine Limited. The positive outcomes from the session provided clarity in respect of governance, responsibilities and relationships between the Council, YourMK and the Mears Group.

The Chair suggested that the RegenerationMK Committee might wish to consider looking at different ways of how best to engage and interact with YourMK, along with the 4 main regeneration areas and wider communities being affected by the Regeneration Programme.

The Managing Director YourMK indicated that a Communications and Engagement booklet was in the process of being put together by YourMK and upon completion, would be circulated accordingly.

Councillors C Williams and Walker expressed concern that the report lacked information on the timeframe and clarity in respect of the appointment of HR Consultants, and enquired whether the Chair and Vice-Chairs would be eligible to sit on the Interview Panel.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report on the RegenerationMK Committee Away Day, and oral updates in respect of the Board's Composition, the Job Description Development/Recruitment Process and the Aspirations of YourMK be noted.
2. That the Acting Service Director [Housing and Community] be requested to circulate the updated timeframe information

on the appointment of HR Consultants to assist in the selection of YourMK Board Directors.

3. That the Chair, in consultation with the Vice-Chairs be requested to liaise with the Managing Director of YourMK on the identified issues and planning processes in respect of the Regeneration project, prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

RC019 YOURMK PROGRESS OVERVIEW

The Committee received an oral update in respect of YourMK progress overview from the Managing Director YourMK.

The Committee heard that as part of YourMK's responsibility, a 'Stock Condition Survey' was currently being conducted by Pennington Choices, who were gathering data on all of the estates involved in the Regeneration Programme. The following extracts from the 6 month data provided by YourMK from April to December 2016 were:

- 21,158 jobs completed equating to 99.4% completed within the 28 day target;
- 4 sites will look to deliver 48 Council homes at a cost of circa £8m;
- YourMK was on track with 1,934 completed surveys out of 8,611 properties undertaken, equating to 22%; and
- 91 Resident Communicators have joined YourMK to help convey information with communities.

It was reported that YourMK was looking to appoint a Residents Independent Engagement Officer, whose responsibilities would include working closely with residents and to create certainty and assurances.

RESOLVED –

That the oral update be noted.

RC020 BUSINESS CRITICAL FUNCTION

The Committee received an oral update from the Managing Director YourMK in respect of the Business Critical Function.

The Committee heard that it was important for residents affected by the Regeneration Programme to have transparency and accessibility to the proposed plans. In response, the Chair reassured the Committee that the full Regeneration Programme survey would be conducted during March 2017, and the final data would be in place in readiness for the planning processes to commence in April 2017.

The Managing Director YourMK reassured the Committee that to avoid any further uncertainty and provide transparency about the estates affected by the Regeneration Programme, residents and

citizens of Milton Keynes should be better informed of the timeline of works being undertaken.

It was reported that Corporate Governance procedures were in place, and currently conducted by Officers on the YourMK Shadow Board, until the appointments of the YourMK Directors. Due to the timing of the appointments, the Chair suggested he organises to meet the Vice-Chairs and the Managing Director YourMK to review the planning processes and next steps to ensure that all development areas and potential areas were incorporated in the Regeneration Programme.

Councillor C Williams suggested that if necessary a request be put to the Cabinet to aid with communication of the Regeneration Programme, particularly in the absence of the appointment of the YourMK Directors and being in the posts prior to April 2017.

RESOLVED –

1. That the oral update be noted.
2. That Cabinet be requested to progress the decision making process for the Regeneration programme in the absence of YourMK Board Directors, prior to the next meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee.

RC021

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the RegenerationMK Committee is Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 6.00pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.20 PM